

WIN FERGUSON PTA
MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting Date: May 25, 2020

Meeting Time: 6:45 Virtual Meeting

Attendees:

Trish Kuhn	Shelly Romanyshyn
Sherri Prince	Karen Ridgely
Crystal Hudson	
Laina Neudorf	
Stacy Reid	
Justin Mazur	
Amanda Syrett	
Courtney Liddle	
Lana Lastiwka	

ITEM	DESCRIPTION OF DISCUSSION
1	Call to Order
	Meeting was called to order at 7:28pm
2	Approval of Agenda
	Motion by Stacy Reid seconded by Courtney carried
3	Approval of minutes from last meeting
	Motion by Stacy Reid seconded by Courtney carried
4	Old Business
	Committee Chairs – checklists on job duties still need to be sent to Laina. Would like work together with Sherri Prince to put everything together and upload to website.
	Insurance – Still waiting for insurance quote.
	Bylaws – Bylaws – Draft posted on winferguson.com, distributed to membership for feedback on April 27th and no feedback received as of today.
	Motion made by Sherri Prince to call a special general meeting of membership, for special resolution to amend bylaws, to be held for June 15 th at 6:45pm (2 nd to motion Stacy Reid)
5	Treasurer's Report
	Sherri presented the report (see attached). General account balance: \$ 13,831.15 Manulife account balance: \$ 4,087.60 Casino account balance: \$ 16,033.05
6	New Business
	Nothing to Report
7	Committee Reports
	Hot Lunch: see attached report
	Fundraising: see attached report
	Club Moo: Nothing to report
	Treat Sales: Nothing to report
8	Special Events Committees
	Nothing to report
9	Date for Next meeting
	9.1.1 Special General meeting – June 15 @ 6:45 pm 9.1.2 Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Sept 21 @ 6:45pm
10.	Adjournment
	Meeting was adjourned 7:48pm

WIN FERGUSON PTA AND SCHOOL COUNCIL

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Amanda Syrett
Courtney Liddle
Harvey Stadnick
Lana Lastiwka

Shelly Romanyshyn
Karen Ridgely

ITEM	DESCRIPTION OF DISCUSSION
1	Call to Order
	Meeting was called to order at 6:50PM Kicked off with Courtney Liddle reading Treaty Acknowledgment
2	Approval of Agenda
	Motion by Laina Neudorf seconded by Trish Kuhn - carried
3	Approval of minutes from last meeting
	Motion by Laina Neudorf seconded by Trish Kuhn - carried
4	Old Business
	Communications: Win Ferguson Parents Website has been updated with Sept. 2020 meeting date
5	New Business
	Nothing to report
6	COSC (Committee of School Councils) Report
	Mark L did a presentation on Budget; went over in more detail.
7	Leader in Me
	Nothing to report
8	Trustee Report Harvey Stadnick
	Discussions around return to school plans
9	Administration Report
	See attached report
10.	Adjournment
	Meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm

**School Council Meeting
Admin Report May 25, 2020**

School Goals:

GOAL 1: We LEAD, by ensuring more students achieve academic success in Literacy. (EIPS Priority 1, Goal 2)

GOAL 2: We LEAD, by ensuring more students achieve academic success in Numeracy. (EIPS Priority 1, Goal 2)

GOAL 3: We LEAD, by providing opportunities for students to further develop their leadership skills within the school and community. Opportunities and support will be provided for staff to further develop their professional and leadership capacities. (EIPS Priority 2, Goal 3)

1. Budget - implications for our school

- A reduction in teaching and support staff.
- The number of classes from grade 1-6 will be reduced to 13 school aged and 3 Kindergarten, which will include 0.5 FTE of assistant principal teaching time. In 2019 – 20, 1.0 FTE of assistant principal time was administrative.
- We are currently unable to continue offering programming in Levelled Literacy Intervention, a 0.3 FTE reduction.
- In kindergarten, we will have 3 classes and one educational assistant to support. As a result of the funding changes, we are down 4 temporary educational assistants from 2019 – 20.

K	3 classes
1	2 classes
2	2 classes
3	2 classes
4	2 classes
5	2.5 classes
5/6 combined	
6	2.5 classes

- 5/6 No gamification

2. Class Sizes/configurations - we know this could change. We don't know until we see the students in the fall
3. Power Options - postponed indefinitely, with the unknown regarding what our 2020 - 21 school year is going to look like, we can't commit to Power Options at this time. We may take another look at this in the future.

Due to all of the uncertainty...we have opted to put Power Options on hold for the first bit of the school year. This does not mean that we are cancelling it for the entire school year. Our plan is to re-evaluate things in January. If things are not back up and running smoothly - then we will re-evaluate for next September.

4. Outdoor classroom update

Some exciting news to share – our Indigenous outdoor learning space construction is about to get underway. Phase 1 of the project will be starting in July. It will consist of a circle of boulders in front of the school west of the Kindergarten classroom, the fence behind it will be lined with cranberry and wolf willow bushes; we will be re-doing the front flower bed, and incorporating some more natural species and some medicines; and the south-facing wall, outside of grade 1, will have saskatoons bushes lining it. Part of our PD focus next year will be learning to use this space and the natural resources there - continuing our work on Learning from the Land with Cheryl Devin.

5. Bell schedule - change - EIPS has moved to a common 10 period/day schedule for all K-6, K-9, 7-9 7-12 and 10 - 12 schools. Our start and end times will remain the same, though our recess and lunch times will be different for the 2020 - 21 school year. Early dismissal
6. Battle of the Books - 2nd place in the Fort! Go Win Ferguson!
7. May 14 was Crazy Color Day
8. June 12 - Crazy Hair Day

9. [EIPS FAQs: Alternative Learning During COVID-19](#)

This has been and will continue to be updated as we learn more. It is on the EIPS and Win Ferguson websites as well.

10. Last day of instruction for all divisions will be **June 19**, NOT June 26.

June 22-26 will be the timeframe by which students return all items loaned out to them, including technology and other resources. We will send out information via email through teachers, school messenger, and our website once we have determined the protocol.

EIPS School Playgrounds to Gradually Re-open

Sherwood Park, AB. — As part of Phase 1 of the Alberta Government's relaunch strategy, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is reopening its playgrounds over the next two weeks.

Playgrounds in Sherwood Park, Ardrossan, Uncas and Fultonvale fall under the authority of Strathcona County, which [announced](#) outdoor recreational facilities will open on May 22.

School-owned playgrounds in jurisdictions outside of Strathcona County will open by June 5. Before opening, EIPS will remove warning tape and install informational signage at each playground location.

For those families visiting playgrounds, be aware the use of the equipment may have risks. Neither Strathcona County nor EIPS are sanitizing the equipment. Additionally, children may forget to avoid touching their faces while using the playground and may not maintain social distancing.

When using playground equipment:

- Social distancing requirements and Alberta Health Services' gathering restrictions still apply. Individuals from different households should remain at least two metres apart, and no more than 50 people can gather in the vicinity of the playground equipment at any one time.
- Children should use hand sanitizer after touching equipment and wash their hands both before and after visiting the playground.
- It's recommended families use the equipment located closest to their own homes to reduce the number of people using playground sites at any given time.
- If any individual in a household is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, family members must not visit the playground.

While the rate of infections and hospitalizations has decreased in recent days, it's still possible to contract COVID-19. As such, community members must take the necessary precautions when using playground equipment to avoid getting sick.

A letter to all EIPS families from our superintendent.

Dear EIPS families,

I want to thank the hundreds of school families who took the time over the last two weeks to share their thoughts and suggestions via email about the [three re-entry scenarios](#) put forward by Education Minister Adriana LaGrange. The scenarios include a full resumption of classes, a partial resumption with restrictions in place and a continuation of the current alternative learning model. The feedback received from families gives us a strong sense of what aspects of a potential return to classes excite and concern you, and will help inform decisions going forward.

While Alberta Education continues its work, EIPS staff are examining what steps the Division needs to take in each scenario. As you can imagine, there are many aspects of a return to learning we need to consider carefully before September. For instance, social distancing and respecting restrictions on gatherings, which poses some challenges in terms of what a return to the classroom might look like. There are also questions about how best to manage the situation for vulnerable students and employees, how student transportation might work, and how to deliver the best possible education to students regardless of the learning model in place.

If you haven't had an opportunity to communicate your thoughts on how the 2020-21 school year should roll-out, don't worry. A detailed survey will be sent out in the coming weeks as we further develop a strategy for the re-entry.

We're still facing a great deal of uncertainty, and I understand the past couple of months have been difficult for many of you. As we look toward the next school year, EIPS will work together with you to ensure your children can keep learning and progressing without risking their health and well-being.

Sincerely,

Mark Liguori

Superintendent

We are so honored to have such an amazing group of parents support us. As a staff we are grateful. We are also so grateful for the support during this unprecedented time in education, and school closures. Time and again our staff has said what an amazing job you are all doing with this, and how they feel supported by you. We know it is not easy.

THANK YOU! We can't wait until we are together again.